



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC
GENERATING SYSTEM AMENDMENT**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7C

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

Palen Solar I, LLC (PSI) filed an Application for Certification with the Commission on August 24, 2009 to construct and operate a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) concentrating solar thermal electric power generating facility. The Commission issued a Final Decision approving the Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP) on December 15, 2010 (Order No. 10-1215-19, the "Final Decision," 09-AFC-7). The Final Decision describes the PSPP as a solar thermal project using parabolic trough technology.

On July 16, 2012 the project ownership changed. On December 21, 2012, the current owner, Palen Solar Holdings, LLC (PSH), filed a petition to amend the Final Decision. The amendment would eliminate the use of parabolic trough technology, replacing it with solar "power tower" technology consisting of two solar towers and associated power blocks and heliostat fields. The modified project would be called Palen Solar Electric Generating System (PSEGS).

On May 14, 2013, PSH submitted a Request for Status Conference, seeking to discuss, among other things, scheduling. The Committee assigned to this matter has **GRANTED** the request.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Committee assigned to conduct proceedings on the PSEGS has scheduled a public Status Conference to discuss the proposed project as follows:

The STATUS CONFERENCE will be conducted on:

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

**California Energy Commission
Hearing Room B
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(see map below)**



TELECONFERENCE OPTION: *Parties and the Public may attend the Status Conference in person at the above location or by telephone and/or by computer via our “WebEx” web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Instructions For Using Webex Teleconferencing Using Your Computer And/Or Telephone" attached to this Notice.*

Purpose of Status Conference

This Status Conference is sponsored by the Energy Commission for the primary purpose of informing the Committee, the parties, and the public about the project's progress to date in the amendment process. The Status Conference is an opportunity to resolve procedural disputes and remove obstacles to the efficient processing of the amendment. An agenda of the Status Conference is attached to this Notice.

Closed Sessions

During any of the committee conferences or hearings, the Committee may, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), temporarily adjourn the meeting to a closed session to deliberate on matters before the Committee for decision such as the preparation of a proposed decision, motions and other matters then pending before the Committee.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer comments at the Status Conference. It is not necessary to be an Intervenor to participate in the public process. Comments may also be submitted in writing. Written comments may be submitted for posting on the docket for the proceeding by handing them directly to the Public Adviser, e-mailing them to publicadviser@energy.ca.gov or to docket@energy.ca.gov, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket Number: 09-AFC-7C
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Please identify **“PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM AMENDMENT, Docket No. 09-AFC-07C”** on any e-mailed or written comments.

PLEASE NOTE: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For those individuals who require general information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 or e-mail: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail: lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 651-8893 or e-mail: ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Christine Stora, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-4745 or e-mail: christine.stora@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

Dated: May 20, 2013, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By: _____

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Palen Solar Electric Generating System
Amendment Committee

Original Signed By: _____

DAVID HOCHSCHILD
Commissioner and Associate Member
Palen Solar Electric Generating System
Amendment Committee

**PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
AMENDMENT COMMITTEE
STATUS CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Report from Applicant, Staff and Intervenors regarding the status of the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Amendment.
3. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.

4. Closed Session (if necessary)

Committee closed session consideration of the following Item:

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATION FOR THE PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM. Deliberation by the Committee on any matters submitted for decision by the Committee including, but not limited to, pending motions and scheduling. (Contact: Kenneth Celli)

The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

5. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Kenneth Celli, Hearing Adviser, phone: (916) 651-8893, or e-mail: ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.



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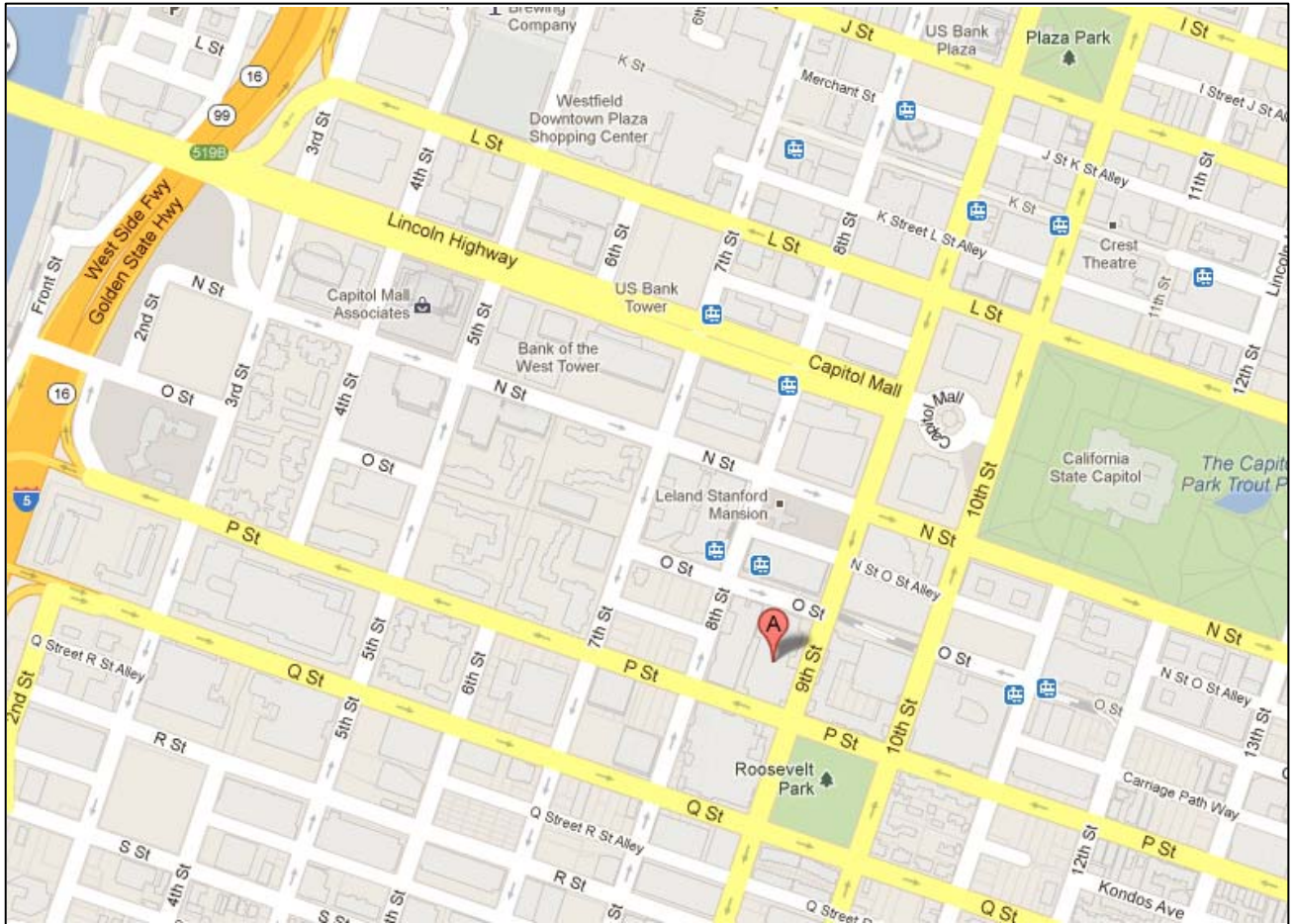
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Palen Solar Electric Generating System Amendment Committee

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, RoseMary Avalos, declare that on May 20, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE, dated May 20, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am over the age of 18 years.

Dated: May 20, 2013

Original Signed By: _____

RoseMary Avalos
Hearing Office